

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 21

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, Correa. California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Friday, May 9, 2008, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to remember those individuals who have given their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which to live and raise our families.

WHEREAS, May 9, 2008, is California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous as it is important; and

WHEREAS, The peace officers of California have worked dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of California and have given their full measure to ensure those citizens the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of California peace officers provide all Californians with the opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That California's peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities in 2007 be recognized:

Deputy Manuel Villegas, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: March 19, 2007

Officer Robert W. Winget, Ripon Police Department, End of Watch: April 10, 2007

Deputy Raul V. Gama, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: May 1, 2007

Officer Robert F. Dickey, California Highway Patrol, Winterhaven, End of Watch: June 10, 2007

Officer Douglas "Scott" Russell, California Highway Patrol, Placerville, End of Watch: July 31, 2007

Officer Sergio Carrera, Junior, Rialto Police Department, End of Watch: October 18, 2007

Officer John P. Miller, California Highway Patrol, Dublin, End of Watch: November 16, 2007

Detective Kent Haws, Tulare County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: December 17, 2007

Detective Vu Nguyen, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: December 19, 2007; and be it further

Resolved, That California's peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled, also be recognized:

Deputy Maria C. Rosa, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: March 28, 2006

Constable Iver W. Johanson, Fresno County Constable's Office, End of Watch: December 15, 1961

Deputy Charles E. Brown, Junior, Butte County Sheriff's Office, End of Watch: January 18, 1959

Constable Oliver P. Mitchell, Fresno County Constable's Office, End of Watch: April 29, 1950

Deputy Marshal T. Dwight Crittenden, Los Angeles City Marshal's Office, End of Watch: February 17, 1938

Deputy Marshal Leon W. Romer, Los Angeles City Marshal's Office, End of Watch: February 17, 1938

Special Officer Roy E. Burton, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Police, End of Watch: July 27, 1922

Special Officer Thomas C. McMillin, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Police, End of Watch: August 29, 1921

Deputy William F. Smithson, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: October 20, 1907

Constable Herbert S. Walker, Modoc County Constable's Office, End of Watch, May 12, 1901; and be it further

Resolved, That the Members designate Friday, May 9, 2008, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and urge all Californians to remember those individuals who have given their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which to live and raise our families; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.